

In the month of October, 1626, he was sent to the college which Henry IV. had founded in 1607 at La Flèche, an institution which at that time was conducted by the Jesuits, but which to-day is a government military school for the sons of French officers. At La Flèche, Ménard spent three years, studying philosophy and the sciences. In the month of October, 1629, his superiors sent him to teach Latin at the Jesuit College of Orleans, an institution now used by the government as a lyceum. From the city of Orleans he was sent in October, 1632, to the Jesuit University established at Bourges. This building has since served as barracks for cavalry horses, and it is now a government academy. At Bourges Ménard devoted four years to the study of theology. It is an interesting fact that Ménard not only distinguished himself in theology and in philosophy, but that he stood high in literature. His course in theology completed, he taught *belles lettres* for one year and rhetoric for two years, at the college of Moulins. Then came the concluding year of prayer and retreat, which he spent at Rouen in a house of probation conducted by his Order.

Ménard, after taking the final vows of the Order, soon bade farewell forever to his native land. Late in the month of March, 1640, in company with another Jesuit father, Joseph Duperron by name, and two lay brothers of the Order, two Sisters of Mercy and two Ursuline nuns, Ménard, in obedience to orders, took passage at Dieppe for Quebec. His vessel, named "l'Espérance," was detained in the roadstead off Dieppe from March 26th to April 28th by storms which raged with great fury. After narrowly escaping shipwreck on that coast, as well as capture by English frigates which were hovering in those waters, "l'Espérance" had a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic, and cast anchor at Tadoussac, on the lower St. Lawrence River, on June 30th. Ménard and Dominique Scot, one of the Jesuit brothers, embarked in a long boat to carry the news of the fleet's arrival—there were two vessels besides